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SUBJ: PRC DIPLOMATS' COMMENTS ON US-JAPAN-PRC RELATIONS

SUMMARY: IN FIRST SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH PRC REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO, CHINESE DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBOFF THAT PACE OF NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS IS TOO SLOW AND SHOULD BE ACCELERATED. HE ALSO HINTED ADVOCACY OF SPECIAL TRI-LATERAL US-JAPAN-PRC LINKS AT EXPENSE OF SOVIETS, REFLECTING POSTURE TAKEN BY CHOU EN-LAI DURING HORI VISIT. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, CONCERN OVER "SOVIET MEDDLING" IN SINO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS HAS PROMPTED CHINESE HERE TO USE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NAME TO CONVINCE JAPANESE THAT PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY SHOULD INCLUDE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING LENGTHY, AMIABLE CHAT WITH PRC COUNSELOR HSIAO
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HSIANG-TSIEN AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR YEH CHING-HAO AT

NEPALI CORONATION RECEPTION, HSIAO CONTRIVED THREE OCCASIONS TO TELL EMBOFF THAT PACE OF NORMALIZATION BETWEEN US AND PRC WAS TOO SLOW AND SHOULD BE QUICKENED. SAYING HE HOPED TO VISIT THE US, HE ADDED THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND PRC WOULD BE LIMITED UNTIL RELATIONS WERE NORMALIZED. AT ANOTHER POINT, AFTER NOTING WITH APPROVAL CLOSE US-JAPAN TIES AND COMMENTING THAT PRC-JAPAN RELATIONS, DESPITE SOME PROBLEMS, WERE IMPROVING RATHER QUICKLY, HSIAO SAID US-PRC RELATIONS ALSO SHOULD FOLLOW THIS PATTERN OF IMPROVEMENT. AT SAME TIME, HSIAO SEEMED TO IMPLY ADVOCACY OF CLOSE TRI-LATERAL US-JAPAN-PRC LINKS. RESPONDING TO COMMENT, HSIAO NOTED THAT SOVIETS WERE MAKING STENUOUS EFFORTS TO SLOW PACE OF DEVELOPMENT OF PRC-JAPAN RELATIONS. HSIAO AND YEH EXPRESSED HOPE, MIDLY, THAT PRC COULD EXPORT MORE TO THE US (AND JAPAN) TO LESSEN CURRENT TRADE IMBALANCE.

2. COMMENT: THIS WAS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION HELD BY ANY EMBOFF IN TOKYO WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM CHINESE EMBASSY. ATMOSPHERE WAS MARKEDLY CORDIAL. AFTER EMBOFF INTRODUCED HIMSELF, COUNSELOR HSIAO MADE POINT OF CALLING OVER OTHER MEMBERS OF PRC STAFF PRESENT AND INTRODUCING THEM. HSIAO'S ATTITUDE, AS WELL AS HIS INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE US AND JAPAN, PROBABLY INSPIRED BY CHOU EN-LAI'S PUBLIC APPROVAL (TO LDP MEMBER HORI - TOKYO 1033) OF CLOSE US-JAPAN TIES. HSIAO ALSO REFLECTED THE IMPLICATION WE DRAW FROM CHOU'S REMARKS THAT PEKING IS INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL TRI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH TOKYO AND WASHINGTON TO THE EXCLUSION, OF COURSE, OF MOSCOW.

3. CHINESE ARE CLEARLY DISTURBED OVER WHAT THEY REGARD AS SOVIET MEDDLING IN PRC-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS OF PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT). ALLUSION TO "PROBLEM AREAS" IN SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS BY HSIAO PRESUMABLY REFERS PARTIALLY TO UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF INCLUSION OF "OPPOSITION TO HEGEMONY" BY THIRD POWERS IN PRC PFT DRAFT. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE NEWSMEN, REPORTED MAINICHI FEB 25, CHINESE DIPLOMATS IN TOKYO HAVE EVOKED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NAME TO RALLY JAPANESE TO "OPPOSITION TO HEGEMONY" CLAUSE
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IN TREATY. ACCORDING TO MAINICHI, DIPLOMAT COMMENTED THAT "OPPOSITION TO HEGEMONY" ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND INCLUDED IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AFTER PRC AGREED. PHRASE, ALSO PART OF JOINT PRC-JAPAN COMMUNIQUE, REPRESENTS COMMON VIEW AMONG THREE COUNTRIES - US, JAPAN, PRC. CONFIRMING THIS IS MATTER OF COURSE AND WHETHER OR NOT THIS IRRITATES A THIRD COUNTRY IS "UNIMPORTANT", DIPLOMAT CONCLUDED.

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